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A.—(*a*) The re-survey is nearly finished. The Government understand that rough pattas have been issued for 97 out of 114 villages.

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) The Government have called for information and will take necessary action on receipt of the information.

Tours

Tours of the hon. the Minister for Public Health.

* 1337 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased (i) to place before the House a statement of the tours made by him and the cost of each up to the 31st December 1928, and (ii) to state—

(*a*) the object of each tour ;

(*b*) whether the places visited had not been seen by the hon. Minister before ;

(*c*) whether a personal visit and inspection was absolutely necessary ; and

(*d*) whether a report from the head of the department concerned was not found sufficient as to the requirements of the several places or institutions visited by him ?

A.—(i) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to clauses (*a*) and (*b*) of question No. 301, dated 8th September 1928. Subsequently several places in Chittoor, Madura, Ramnad, South Arcot, Tanjore and Tinnevelly districts were visited. The cost of the tours from 1st April 1928 to 31st December 1928 as reported by the Accountant-General, Madras, is Rs. 5,148–12–3.

(ii) (*a*) During the public tours, inspections, interviews and addresses in connexion with the Departments of Government, particularly of those in his charge.

(*b*) Some had been seen before and some not.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) No.

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" May I know whether in his tours the hon. Minister does any propaganda work ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" I do not understand what he means by propaganda work."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" May I know whether he uses his tours for the purpose of strengthening his party and influence ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" So far it has not been done."

Water-supply

Rural water-supply in Kurnool district.

* 1338 *Q.*—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state in regard to rural water-supply in the Kurnool district—

(*a*) whether the Government intend to keep to the five-year programme drawn up in 1927–28 ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the sanctioned funds have fallen short of the estimates for 1927–28 and 1928–29 by Rs. 97,607;

(c) what the estimated cost of the programme is for 1929–30;

(d) what the contribution of the Government for 1929–30 will be; and

(e) how the Government intend the deficits to be made up?

A.—(a) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answers to questions Nos. 186 and 824 (f).

(b) Yes.

(c) The estimated cost according to the programme of the local boards in the Kurnool district for 1929–30 is Rs. 61,685.

(d) The contribution of the Government to this district board will depend upon the total amount of grant to be provided for this purpose in the Civil Budget Estimates for 1929–30, the claims of other local boards and on the contribution which the local boards in the Kurnool district will be able to provide for the purpose.

(e) The local boards concerned should make up the deficits from their own funds.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"May I know, Sir, whether the hon. Minister will consider the claims of separate taluk boards in the area and consider also the financial status of every taluk board when he makes the grants?"

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar:—"It is examined."

Industries

Action taken on the recommendations of the special officer on cottage industries.

*1339 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to give particulars of the action taken so far on the recommendations of the special officer relating to cottage industries peculiar to any particular districts?

A.—A summary[a] of the action taken so far on the recommendations referred to is given in the appendix.

Mr. L. K. Tulasiram:—"May I know who are the officers that are now appointed to take action on the recommendations of this special officer?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"The Government, Sir."

Survey of cottage industries in the Presidency.

*1340 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the districts in which the survey of cottage industries has been completed;

(b) the districts in which such survey is yet to be carried on; and

(c) whether any action has been taken with reference to the recommendations made so far for the improvement and encouragement of such industries?

[a] Printed as Appendix XI on pages 649–655 infra.